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FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR CLOSES ANKARA EMBASSY

1. THE EMBASSY OF CYPRUS IN ANKARA WAS CLOSED ON MARCH 6 BY AMBASSADOR AHMET ZAIM. IN A PRESS STATEMENT, ZAIM SAID THAT, "BECAUSE MY CONVICTION THAT THE PEOPLES OF CYPRUS CAN NEVER LIVE IN PEACE AS LONG AS MAKARIOS IS IN POWER HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY HIS LATEST ACTIONS, I HAVE LEFT MY AMBASSADORIAL DUTY IN ANKARA AND CLOSED DOWN THE EMBASSY. I HAVE TURNED OVER THE FURNITURE, FILES AND OTHER GOODS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TFSC IN ANKARA WHOM I CONSIDER THE MOST APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY IN VIEW OF THE EXISTING SITUATION IN CYPRUS TODAY."

2. COMMENT: THE CYPRUS EMBASSY HERE HAS BEEN A NON-ENTITY IN GOT EYES SINCE 1964, WHEN THE GOT CEASED TO RECOGNIZE THE MAKARIOS ADMINISTRATION AS THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS CONSISTENTLY DISCOURAGED CONTACTS WITH THE CYPRUS EMBASSY BY OTHER EMBASSIES BUT HAS TOLERATED ITS EXISTENCE FOR THE PASSPORT AND OTHER CONSULAR SERVICES IT COULD PROVIDE TURKISH CYPRIOTS RESIDING HERE. AMBASSADOR ZAIM, A TURKISH-CYPRIOT WHOSE SALARY APPARENTLY HAS BEEN PAID BY THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT, LEADS A
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SECLUDED LIFE AND IS SAID TO BE A HEAVY DRINKER. THERE

HAS BEEN NO INDICATION OF WHY THE CYPRUS EMBASSY WAS CLOSED
AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD
US THAT THE GOT WAS UNCONCERNED ABOUT GOC REACTION. THE
GOT'S POSITION, HE SAID, IS THAT THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN
NICOSIA IS MAINTAINED AS AN EXPRESSION OF TURKISH RECOGNITION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, NOT OF THE MAKARIOS ADMINISTRATION.
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